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FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING

REPORTS OF OFFICERS FOR PAST YEAR SATISFACTORY.

Renewed Interest Taken by Stockholders
And an Effort Will be Made to
Sell Remaining Shares.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Harney County Fair Association was held last Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing a new board of directors and investigating the actions in the past and general management of the affairs of the Association.

There was a little more than half the stock represented at the meeting, but those present were all enthusiastic and anxious to push the good work. The secretary's report shows that something like \$1000 has been expended in improvements over the amount that had been collected for stock—the management having paid the expenses of two annual fairs, paid the premiums and purses, and still had made the above amount in which to improve the grounds. This is certainly to the credit of those who had direct charge of the affairs.

The stockholders were given a complete report from the time of the organization to date. At the annual meeting last year it was voted to increase the capital stock from \$4000 to \$5000. As the original stock had not yet been fully subscribed no amended articles were filed, but now this must be done as the association needs the additional stock with which to build another pavilion, place a nice fence around the entire grounds, put up exhibition sheds, set out shade trees, lay out walks, lawns, flower gardens, etc. An inspection of the books shows less than \$5,000 paid up stock which gives the association \$2,000 more to sell. A portion of this has been subscribed and the new board will at once take steps to collect what is good of this amount and push the sale of the balance of the stock not yet signed for.

From a purely business standpoint investment in this stock may not be profitable at once, but it is beyond a doubt a good investment for all business men and those engaged in stockraising or farming, for if the stock did not pay a direct dividend in five years the holder would be well paid for the amount invested indirectly. The Times-Herald urges upon the people to take stock in this most deserving enterprise, as it will do much toward the early development of this county.

The old board of directors was elected with but one exception. Wm. Farre was added in place of Julian Byrd. The directors for this year are: P. G. Smith, president; J. P. Farra, vice-president; Geo. Hagey, V. J. Hopkins, Chas. Wilson, F. S. Miller, Wm. Farre. The directors elected Ben Brown treasurer of the association and Julian Byrd secretary.

Last Fair was a decided success in every particular and it is the intention of the board to make the fair this season much better. If present plans are carried out and Harney County is made a fair district with a state appropriation, the premium list will be much larger and the interest increased as the premiums will be sufficient to make competition lively.

WE ARE HANDED A BOUQUET.
(To the Editor)—I have been a regular reader of your paper for about twenty years. During that time you have been pushing to the front the "push clubs"—and everything else that would tend toward the upbuilding of this section and the people in general, endeavoring to push all to work together for the benefit of our country and to show the world what we have and can produce.

Now all who live here, or see it, must admit that we have the most promising section in the United States, and that this county of Harney is second to nothing in the Nation for productiveness. I am well aware of the fact that you have drawn toward you the hatred of a certain class here because of your endeavor to do justice to this locality and the people already settled in it.

Now your persistent labors are beginning to bear fruit. Our country is fast settling up with a desirable class of citizens whom we are

glad to welcome. I have yet to talk with the first one of our new neighbors who is not entranced with our land of sunshine, and all unite in pronouncing it the poor man's haven.

In past years I have heard some say "What's the use of advertising in The Times-Herald? It is read very little out of the vicinity of Burns." Now listen to my experience of the travels of The Times-Herald: In the last six weeks I have had dozens of letters from almost as many different states and from the far famed Alberta, inquiring about our country. Almost every letter has stated that they had seen by The Times-Herald that I was in the fruit business in the Great Harney Country and a great majority wanted to know if all kinds of fruit did well here. It is fruit and good, clean, healthy fruit, that will make our country. What a safe paradise we have here just now for the capitalist to invest in.

Now what I started out to say was that it was about time you were using some of your ink to push The Times-Herald, for during all these years it has been pushing everybody and everything else ahead, you have failed to give credit to that valuable paper for the good it has done. I would advise all, no matter how small their business, to advertise in The Times-Herald and help to reap the harvest that it has sown.

Let us all work and work together.

A. F. B. GEORGE.

Trapping Coyotes.

For the benefit of those who wish to trap coyotes for profit or for the purpose of ridding themselves of this pest, I give below two of my "sets" or methods by which my father and I have been successful in catching 15 coyotes, I have 11 to my credit. The Newhouse traps, size No 2 are those I prefer, says W. L. Perry in the Bend Bulletin.

Find a trail frequently used by coyotes and search this for a place where rocks or brush make it necessary for them to step in nearly the same place in passing.

Set the trap, wiring it to a wooden clog four feet long and about two inches thick at the base or thick end.

Dig out a hole large enough to admit the trap when set, making it about one and a half inches deep. Place a sheet of paper (not stiff paper) cut just large enough to cover the open jaws over the trap and cover the trap at least one half inch deep with dry sand, also burying the clog.

I usually use a magpie's wing or a bunch of rabbit fur to brush away evidences of my work in setting the trap.

Make a drag of rabbit, cut open, or use the entrails of a larger animal and drag them about, making several large circles returning each time to the same spot. I would suggest that beef offals make a good bait drag.

Previously set a trap and bury the trap and clog as described in the trail set at this spot afterward being careful not to set off the trap yourself. Drag the bait the last thing about the trap once or twice and finally place it where it can be gotten at only by going over the trap. Now place a small stick or twig before the trap so that by his carelessness in stepping over the stick he will step into the trap, and your set is complete.

It is an important thing that you use dry sand in making sets in cold weather for wet sand will freeze and render your trap harmless.

I would suggest to those bothered by this "critter" that a bounty, though small, offered by county or state, would do much toward relieving you of their depredations.

BLOCKS WAY TO PATENTS

WESTERN MEN AROUSED OVER ORDER FOR INQUIRY

Hansborough's Plan to Sell Timber Without
Lead Must Face Hostile Committee
—Reflection on West.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent sends the following to that paper under recent date:

Western men in Congress do not take kindly to President Roosevelt's order holding up every public land entry, pending investigation of each individual case by a special agent. The President, upon advice of Secretary Hitchcock, made this order in the expectation that Congress, in order to relieve the congestion, would hastily appropriate sufficient money to permit the employment of a vast number of special agents, but it seems that no such liberality will be shown if the western men adhere to their present opinion. They are now, in most instances, inclined to believe that the President's order was too sweeping and that it will work more harm than good. Mr. Hitchcock, however, is firmly convinced that this is the only way in head of fraudulent entries. But as one experienced Western Senator asked:

"Who is to guarantee the honesty of several hundred special agents?"

That there is need of an increase in the force of special agents is not questioned. Congress of late years has appropriated \$250,000 for this service each year, but that amount is inadequate and the force is not large enough to handle the work in hand. Double the amount might profitably be expended annually. But the Secretary, on top of the President's order, has asked for an annual appropriation of \$750,000, three times the present allowance, and this request will have rough sledding this winter.

It is pointed out by the men who take issue with the president that innumerable entries can be safely patented without special investigation. These same men point out that, if there is risk of fraud under present methods, the manner of examining entrymen and their witnesses might very well be improved, and this in itself would obviate many of the difficulties complained of. It is admitted that there are many instances where special agents might well be employed on entries that are not satisfactory to local land officers, but that all entries should be so examined before passing to patent is not believed necessary or advisable.

Further than this, it is asserted that the President's order is a reflection on the Western people, and this fact alone has aroused a number of Senators who are in a position to obstruct the proposed appropriation. These men assert that men generally making honest ads in the West are just as honest as the special agents and, if the special agents can be trusted, certainly the average settler is entitled to the same consideration at the hands of the Government. Of course, the answer to this is a recitation of the frauds that have been uncovered in the past two years.

An interesting contest is likely to ensue before this question is disposed of. The President holds the highest trump card, in that he has full authority to suspend all entries until they have been examined. If he sticks by his order Congress must either provide for more special agents or it must assume the responsibility for the incomprehensible congestion of business in the General Land office. An effort will be made to compromise the matter when the new Secretary of the Interior takes office. If a compromise can be arranged, the President will modify his order and Congress will increase the appropriation for special agents. That is the most practical solution of the problem, but a solution that will not be possible under the administration of Secretary Hitchcock. He will stand out for the President's order until March 4, unless the President of his own accord decides to compromise with Congress.

Senator Hansborough, chairman of the committee on public lands, will renew his fight to secure the repeal of the timber and stone act and the substitution of a law authorizing the sale of Government timber at not less than its appraised value. Mr. Hansborough has drawn a new bill which stipulates

that the government shall reserve to itself title to all public timber land and sell only the timber. The bill stipulates that persons residing in the immediate vicinity of any Government timber land may take without cost, not to exceed 100,000 feet, B. M. in any one year, for their own use for farm and domestic purposes. Timber land shall remain open to entry under the mining and coal land laws, and timbered land chiefly valuable for stone shall be subject to entry under the placer mining laws. Persons developing mining claims on forest land may cut therefrom not to exceed 100,000 feet, B. M., in any one year, provided they need such timber in developing and operating their claims.

FEW PERTINENT QUESTIONS

MR. BAIN AGAIN TAKES UP SCHOOL FUNDS MATTER.

Gets into Details and Puts the Proposition
Squarely up in Certain Individuals
Who are Asked to Explain.

To the Editor: I may be ignorant as to the meaning of the law, but nevertheless as you notice in the last issue of your paper, I went before the county court at the January term and asked the above court to have our school superintendent's books examined, for the reason that the records of the treasurer's office show that there has been money misappropriated and also districts drawing money that are not in existence.

But the court would not have it that way, the excuse was that they had no jurisdiction. I would like for the court to show how they lost jurisdiction over Mr. Supt. Rigby's books when they had jurisdiction over all the balance of the county officers books, of course it would not do to answer every fool question, when we are mixed up in it too.

I would like to have Mr. L. N. Stallard, clerk of Dist. No. 6 and commissioner-elect show to the people of Harney county through this paper how he came to have \$114 00 more than was appropriated to his district last October. Was it through making a false report last June? or was it through some scheme of his and Mr. Rigby's to defraud the balance of the children of Harney county out of this amount? Mr. Stallard come forward and clear yourself.

Regarding our other commissioner or Mr. Best, he admitted in court, that to the best of his knowledge his district had a slice out of the pie too and looking at the records I find he is correct to the amount of \$252.00.

As far as Mr. Rector our County Judge is concerned, I do not know whether he has anything to do with the affairs of his district or not, but nevertheless his district has pinched \$204.00 from the county school funds so the record's show.

The people of Harney County can see why we lost our jurisdiction.

I would also like Mr. M. E. Rigby to work out a few problems for the benefit of the children of Harney County.

One is this: Show us how district No. 8 came to be in existence, and who the 27 children drawing school money belong to in that district.

Another is: How many property bonded and recorded school districts are there in Harney County?

These problems are simple, but we want to see how you will work them out.

Therefore be careful what your answer will be, as I am ready to dispute your answers if not correct.

THOS. BAIN.

WANT SCALP BOUNTY LAW.

Wouldn't this jar you after all the howl made about Eastern Oregon's scalp bounty graft?

A special to the Oregonian from Albany says: To secure a law for the payment of bounties on coyote scalps in Western Oregon is the purpose of a movement which has been inaugurated in Linn County. Petitions are now being circulated asking that such a law be enacted at the coming session of the Legislature.

Since the scalp bounty law was abolished coyotes have become very plentiful in the foothills of Eastern Linn and have done great damage on stock ranches. Ranchers in the vicinity of Holley, Sweet Home, Crawfordville and Sodaville formed a league and have been paying \$10 for every scalp brought in. The burden from loss of stock and payment of this bounty, too, has been a heavy one, the ranchers say, and they want the county to assist in the extermination of the pests.

The inaugurators of the present movement want a law fashioned after the act of 1887, rather than the one of 1901, which made it easy to ship in coyote scalps from other states and collect the bounty, a procedure which was the direct cause of the repeal of the law.

HAINES HAS ANOTHER ROUGH HOUSE.

About two o'clock Sunday morning the town of Haines was thrown into a state of terror by a contest between the officer of the law, Town Marshal J. C. Wooley, formerly of the police force of Baker City, and Henry Wallace, a rancher and Edward York another farmer. It appears that Saturday evening the officer had arrested Wallace for disturbing the peace and York was mixed up in the game. They were released on cash bond and during the night got into another altercation with Wooley. During the melee Wallace was struck in the head and shot in the shoulder by Wooley and badly gashed in the head. Wallace cut Wooley in the face and neck with a large knife.

Sheriff Rand sent to Haines Sunday to arrest the parties could not do so on account of their wounds. At last accounts Wooley was said to be in a serious condition.—Baker Democrat.

E. A. Frazer, manager of the M. M. Co., attended the session and banquet of the Idaho Hardware Dealers' association at Boise last week, and also C. A. Martin. The banquet was one of the swiftest ever speed in Boise, but it did not seem to materially add to the avoirdupois of Ed, but he returned home carrying the sack, having been elected treasurer for the ensuing year.—Ontario Argus.

Dr. Hibbard, Burns, Oregon.

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The Times-Herald will make this a bargain month in the way of subscriptions and has arranged to give the Semi-Weekly St. Louis Republic free to all who pay up arrears and one year in advance to The Times-Herald. New subscribers who pay in advance will also receive this great national semi-weekly newspaper and family magazine in the United States. The two papers one year for \$2—this month only.

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